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Now is the time to look at sprayers and dusters

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

As gardening demands expend it is a good time to examine the sprayers and dusters that will be available for the jobs ahead. If you are a serious gardener, certainly you need two sprayers, one for herbicides and one for applying insecticides and/or fungicides. It is very difficult to satisfactorily remove herbicides from a sprayer.

If there are trees that need protection, you may want to invest in a trombone type sprayer, it will reach 25 feet into a tree.

The stainless steel sprayers, with reasonable care, will serve for many years. They are fairly costly, but may be the cheapest over the long run.

The nozzle tips are important -- you may want to consider replacing the tip that usually comes with the sprayer and purchase a T-jet nozzle or similar product. For most herbicide application, a flat fan spray pattern is preferred. For spraying fruit trees and vegetables, a cone shape pattern is more effective.

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It is my understanding that an irrigation dealer in Farmville will be handling trickle irrigation equipment this year. The limited research work that I've seen done with trickle makes it a worthwhile investment for the home gardens and in some situations for a commercial venture.

We have very limited research in Virginia and few people have used it because until this year it was not readily accessible. It is my understanding that the materials are being marketed in only two places in the state.

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Grain (wheat, corn, soybean) producers need to watch the commodity markets. The market may be reaching a point where you will want to consider a forward contact - one of the first steps in knowing your production cost per bushel.

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Sound forest management still makes sense and dollars. This type management suggests how to increase timber yields, improve wildlife habitat, protect watershed, obtain greater enjoyment from owning land and use the forest forage.

The Virginia Division of Forestry, company foresters and consultant foresters stand ready to help you put top management practices in place -- use them.

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There's a new, fairly simple way to calculate yields of small grains--if you are interested, let us know and we'll get you the format.

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I was surely hoping that a higher percentage of the '83 corn crop would be planted no-til. We really need to begin planning for this method in order to reduce soil losses. Rye cover is an excellent way to start.

One problem with a rye cover is the true armyworm. We have been able to control this pest with toxaphene, as well as cutworms. Toxaphene will no longer be available once that which is in the supply channel is exhausted.

This year the entomology department at Virginia Tech will be evaluating a number of insecticides to determine a reasonable substitute for Toxaphine.

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You are no doubt reading about the synthetic pyrethroids in the farm press. This is an exciting group of insecticides that appear to have an important future in man's effort to control insects.

PRESENT AT FLAG-RAISING ceremonies last week at Appomattox and Pamplin Exxon Service Stations were (from left) Miss Edith O'Brien, Mrs. Penny Mongold, Mrs. Edith Ferguson, Mr. W.C. Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Richardson, and Mr. Horace Coleman.

Business cited for beautification week

In March 1983 the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors gave permission for the Appomattox Extension Homemakers and Garden Club to jointly sponsor an environmental improvement project for Appomattox County. This project includes such activities as urging people to clean up property lines, to plant flowers at neighborhood country stores, and do anything possible to improve and clean-up the county.

Persons involved with the flag picture were Mr. W. C. Dudley, special consultant to the project, Mr. Horace Coleman, Chairman, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Richardson,owners & operators of Appomattox and Pamplin Exxon Stations, Miss Edith O'Brien, President, Appomattox Garden Club, Mrs. Penny Mongold, President, Appomattox Extension Homemakers Council, Mrs. Edith Ferguson, member of the Appomattox Homemakers and former President of the Henny Penny Extension Homemakers Club.

The flags that are flying at Pamplin and Appomattox Exxons were given by Congressman W. C. (Dan) Daniel and both flags were flown over the Capitol on March 7, 1983. Congressman Daniel gave these flags to Appomattox County for the special environmental improvement project.

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK SWEET
Extension Agent

Thirty-six Appomattox Intermediate and Senior 4-H members earned the right to participate in last Saturday's East Central District 4-H Contest held at Appomattox County High School. 4-H members from a 19 county area took part in the program. Senior 4-H'ers from Appomattox taking part were: Darrell Conner, Brett Marston, April Talbot, Sylvia Trent, Ada Hunter, Janet Baker, Lucy Christian, Jeff Williams, Marvin Hamlett, Rose Christian, Lisa Harrison, Anne Hancock, Martha Haley, Howard Anderson, Robert Taylor, Jimmy Fillingame and Ingrid Moore. Intermediates taking part included: David McDonald, Katrina Archer, Kathy White, Jo Anna Layne, Lisa Woodall, Brent Harrison, Kathy Bryan, Rhonda Ranson, July Youngblood, Dawn Hancock, Teresa Burger, Kim Muller, Timmy Franklin, Rick Pack, Danny Williams, Sheri Williams, Beth Marston and Jennifer Coleman. Winners from the Senior Division will receive trips to State 4-H Congress.

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The 4-H Soils Judging Contest will be held in Campbell County on this coming Saturday morning. Appomattox 4-H'ers practicing on the Soils Team for this year are Craig Ranson, Howard Anderson, April Hackney, David McDonald, Robert Coleman, Debbie Richardson, Tammy Williams, Michelle Baldwin and Stephanie Covington.

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Kenneth McClenny, Darrell Conner and Richard Conner will represent Virginia next week in the International Land Judging Contest at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The 4-H team and FFA team for Virginia will leave Sunday morning for the two-day trip to the midwest. They will return on Saturday afternoon, May 7.

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4-H Camp applications are starting to come into the Extension Office. Members have until June 10 to sign up for camp.

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The majority of the 4-H judging contests will be Saturday, May 14. Appomattox will have teams competing in Forestry Judging, Egg Grading, Consumerama and Meats Judging on that day. Winning teams in the Senior Division will have the opportunity to compete on the State level in June.

Herbert Richardson

Herbert Richardson is new on welfare board

William Herbert Richardson has been appointed to the Board of Public Welfare for the County of Appomattox.

Richardson, a Pamplin native, was appointed by the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors on March 11 to fill the unexpired term of Tommy Drinkard who resigned because of business obligations.

Richardson is a 1938 graduate of Pamplin High School. He served in the United States Army for four years during World War II including a tour of Japan.

Working at the Appomattox Hardware Company for ten years, Richardson later worked as a traveling salesman for Watkins-Cottrell Wholesale Hardware in Richmond for 26 years. He retired in February of this year.

He is a member of the Oakville Ruritan Club, member of Monroe Masonic Lodge No. 301. He is an active member of Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church, past Sunday School teacher and church lay leader and a member of the administrative board.

With his wife, the former Kathleen Coleman, he resides in the Oakville community. They are the parents of a son, William Herbert Richardson, Jr. and a daughter, Betty Jo. (Mrs. Clarence E.) Smith. They have two grandsons, Michael and Todd Smith.

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Fratrick performs

Milwaukee, Wis. - Albert Fratrick, a sophomore at Marquette University, portrays the character Moose in the upcoming Marquette University Theatre production, "West Side Story," April 20-24 and April 27-May 2.

An American classic, "West Side Story" combines a modern interpretation of Romeo and Juliet with a story of vivid sociological comment.

Fratrick resides at Rt. 4, Appomattox.

Good News For Homemakers

Hints on improving the safety of your kitchen

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
Extension Agent

Kitchen Safety Hints

Do you need to post a DANGER sign in your kitchen? Did you know that accident statistics reveal that the kitchen is the most hazardous room in the entire house or can be? Also, traffic in the country kitchen reaches its peak in spring and summer when the children are out of school and gardening has things going in a swift pace.

Family members hurt themselves in obvious ways. They cut toward themselves with knives. They burn tender spots with hot cooking vessels, stumble into open cupboards and slip on slick floors.

Yes, some of us are more accident prone than others. Very often our work habits can trigger an accident. For example, we will fail to wipe up spilled food. We will think it's too much trouble to get a potholder or we will run and do too many jobs at one time and not keep a watchful eye on appliances when they are being used.

There are other things in our kitchen that can be dangerous such as strong detergents and household cleaners and chemicals. All of these should be kept out of the reach of children.

Electrical appliances also call for safety measures.When insulation in electrical equipment wears or wires become loose or dirty or moisture collects in them, an electrical current path can be set up to other parts of the equipment. Thus, you have danger in your hands. Never allow someone to snip off the third pin on an appliance plug. This is your grounding portion of the plug. If you do not have electrical outlets that will take care of this, you need to purchase an appropriate adapter from a hardware or appliance store.

The following are some safety hints which you should note and observe while working in the kitchen:

1. Keep a fire extinguisher handy. If you do not have a fire extinguisher, make you a fire pail, using a coffee can or other appropriate container and filling it with baking soda. Never carry a grease fire. The flames will blow towards you. Always smother a fire with a lid or use table salt or baking soda to put it out.

2. Keep all flammable materials away from cooking foods. This includes potholders, the grease cup, paper towels, plastic containers, curtains, long hair and lose clothing.

3. Keep cords out of the way to avoid snagging, tripping or jerking.

4. Wipe up spilled foods, liquids and grease to prevent falls.

5. Dispose of cracked, chipped or damaged dishes and glassware.

6. Use sharp knives with caution. Slice away from you and chop on a cutting board. Be sure to store knives in a safe place, away from small hands which like to cut up things.

7. Know which fuses or circuit breakers apply to the kitchen so you can turn off power in an emergency situation.

8. Never mix two or more cleaning products unless the manufacturer recommends doing so in print.

All family members should know basic first aid for burns, shock and poisoning. It is also smart to keep emergency phone numbers handy. Your instant action when a kitchen accident does occur may prevent a catastrophy.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call 352-8244 or you may write P.O. Box 488,Appomattox,VA 24522.It is always a pleasure to hear from you and to help you.

Have a good week!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Pecan Pie

½ cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar
3 eggs
¾ cup dark corn syrup
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup pecans

This is an excellent recipe to make in a blender. You can add all ingredients except pecans in the blender at one time and mix until well blended. Or, if you wish to use the mixer method, you should cream butter and sugar. Add the eggs and beat well. Add corn syrup, salt and vanilla. Pour into a pie shell which has been lined with 1 cup pecans. Pecans may be chopped or left whole. Bake at 375° 40 to 45 minutes. Reduce temperature and observe while working in the kitchen: bake until well done (approximately 10 minutes longer).

This is delicious and one of the best pecan pies I've ever used.

RH benefit slated

The Red House Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a Flea Market on Saturday, April 30 at the Red House Ball Park.

A variety of household items will be sold.

Lunch will be available by the R.H.V.F.D.

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BILL ALLEN BURKE (left) accepts donation from Randy Franklin in contest to raise money for the local Moose Lodge. The grand prize in the contest is the Snapper Riding Mower shown with the two men. Those interested in participating in the contest may contact any Moose Club member, and members of the organization will be accepting donations at Triangle Plaza Shopping Center the next two Saturdays. The contest will culminate May 28, when the mower will be given away. The mower is on display at Lawson Ford.

4-H Club News

Mrs. Turner's 4-H Club

Mrs. Turner's 4-H Club met on April 15, 1983. Stacy Davis, our 4-H President, started our meeting. Susan Linkous led us in the American flag pledge and Sharla Kvasnicka led the class in the 4-H Pledge.

Randall Ferguson, Keshia Haskins and Brent Harrison, (our recreation leaders), led us in "4-Corners." Megan O'Donnell read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved.

The old business contained 4-H presentations awards and the Dairy posters. New business contained new projects such as Fishing, gardening and strawberries.

The program for the month was on Holiday Lake 4-H Camp. Mr. Sweet showed us slides on camp.

Stacy Davis adjourned the meeting.

Shala Kvasnicka
Reporter

Mrs. Gosey's 4-H Club

Mrs. Gosey's Class had 4-H on Wednesday, April 13, 1983 at 10 a.m. Jennifer Roach opened the meeting. Sharon Kress led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Tony Russell led us in the 4-H Pledge. Stacy Myrick and Tammie Starner led us in some games.

Cindy Weaver read the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Sweet gave out certificates for Public Speaking and Presentations. He told us about the 4-H Dog Show and 4-H Camp. The Dairy Poster Contest was announced.

Mr. Sweet showed us some slides on 4-H Camp.

Jennifer Roach adjourned the meeting.

Lori Trout
Reporter

Miss Bradley's 4-H Club

We said the pledge to the American Flag and the 4-H Flag. The recreation leaders led us in a game. The secretary read the minutes of our last meeting. The president conducted the business meeting after which the vice president presented the program of slides concerning 4-H activities.

Dale Lee Williamson
Reporter

Mrs. Mills 4-H Club

Mrs. Mills' 4-H Club met on Friday, April 15, 1983. Our president, Missy Phelps, called the meeting to order. Sarah Mitchell and Micah Ford led the class in the American flag pledge and the 4-H pledge. The recreation leaders led us in the game "King and Queen." Susan Watkins read the minutes of the last meeting. The program for the month was on 4-H Camp.

Missy Phelps adjourned the meeting.

Sarah Mitchell
Reporter

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